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State Commission Opens Nominations For Torchbearer Awards

The state-sponsored Indiana Commission for Women is now accepting nominations for its fourth annual Indiana's Salute to Women *the Torchbearer Awards*. The Torchbearer award is the highest honor given by the State of Indiana to Hoosier women who have overcome obstacles or whose achievements have contributed to making the state a better place in which to live, work and raise a family. Since 2004 seventy three women have been honored as Torchbearers

One need not be a corporate president or a community diva to be honored. Torchbearer award categories run the gamut from business, biotech, and education to engineering, sports, architecture, construction, and labor advocacy, among others.

Nominations may be submitted online or by mail. Visit www.in.gov/icw for nomination instructions and for short biographies of past winners. Call 317/232-6720 for assistance, ticket information or for a hard copy nomination form. The nomination deadline is November 23, 2007.

Nomination entries will be judged by a distinguished statewide Council of Judges in December and the 2008 Torchbearer Award winners will be announced in an Oscar®-style gala January 22, 2008 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom at 140 W. Washington Street in Indianapolis. Special guests of honor will be the women, past and present, of the Indiana General Assembly.

Contact the ICW at 317/232-6720 for information on nominations, sponsorship packages and/or tickets.

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